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SUBJECT: TITLE V OF THE TRADE ACT

REFERENCE: JAKARTA 1521

1. APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN AND WOULD HAVE WISHED TO BE MORE HELPFUL SOONER. UNFORTUNATELY QUESTION OF HOW TO APPROACH OPEC EXCLUSION OF TRADE ACT HAS NOT PROGRESSED BEYOND INFORMATION CONTAINED STATE 18007. PROBLEM OF MAKING STATEMENT ON INDONESIA HERE AS YOU SUGGEST IS THAT IT MIGHT ELICIT FURTHER QUESTIONS RE OTHER OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES WHICH WE ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO ANSWER FOR THIS REASON, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU GO AHEAD AND ISSUE STATEMENT IN JAKARTA DRAWING FROM PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT AT TIME OF SIGNING OF TRADE BILL (STATE 1804), FURTHER GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN STATE 5883, PARA 4, AND USING LANGUAGE YOU SUGGEST IN REFTEL POSSIBLY MODIFYING IT FOR JAKARTA AUDIENCE (E.G., ELIMINATE FIRST SENTENCE). WE WOULD ALSO PREFER "ECONOMIC" IN LIEU OF "TRADE" DISCUSSIONS IN REFERENCE TO ASEAN. INGERSOLL

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